
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND RESPECTIVE
COUNTIES TO WORK TOGETHER FOR STATEWIDE INSTALLATION AND
IMPLEMENTATION OF PEDESTRIAN ACTIVATED SIGNALS FOR
CROSSWALKS.

1 WHEREAS, Hawaii has had too many deaths and tragic injuries
2 of pedestrians struck in crosswalks; and
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4 WHEREAS, Hawaii has an average of twenty-eight pedestrian
5 fatalities and approximately five hundred sixty pedestrian
6 injuries per year, and has the fourth highest pedestrian
7 fatality rate in the United States; and
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9 WHEREAS, pedestrian crosswalk safety is such a pervasive
10 community issue that in 2008, the University of Hawaii published
11 a study titled "Modeling Violation of Hawaii's Crosswalk Law" to
12 analyze the issue; and
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14 WHEREAS, the University of Hawaii study "Modeling Violation
15 of Hawaii's Crosswalk Law" found that proportionately more
16 drivers than pedestrians violate the crosswalk law, with the
17 most common violation being not stopping for pedestrians who are
18 in the crosswalk, followed by stopping but continuing to proceed
19 before the pedestrian has left the crosswalk; and
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21 WHEREAS, Act 54, Session Laws of Hawaii 2009, requires the
22 state Department of Transportation and related county
23 departments to ensure the accommodation of all users of the
24 road, regardless of their age, ability, or mode of
25 transportation, and established the Complete Streets Task
26 Force(CSTF) to review existing road design standards and
27 guidelines; and
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1 WHEREAS, the CSTF recommended that concerning the topic of
2 crosswalk markings, there should be a pedestrian activated
3 signal or warning activation for mid-block crossings that cross
4 four or more lanes; and
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6 WHEREAS, the current pilot projects involving pedestrian
7 activated signalized crosswalks require a considerable amount of
8 community dissemination for pedestrians, drivers, and law
9 enforcement agencies implementing pedestrian right-of-way laws;
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12 WHEREAS, drivers are not automatically tested following
13 changes in crosswalk law; and
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15 WHEREAS, the Hawaii crosswalk law was made stricter to
16 raise awareness of pedestrians and appears to be working, but
17 legislation is not a complete solution; now; therefore,
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19 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
20 Twenty-eighth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
21 Session of 2015, the Senate concurring, that this body hereby
22 requests the state Department of Transportation and respective
23 counties to work together for statewide installation and
24 implementation of pedestrian activated signals for crosswalks;
25 and
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27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that crosswalks with a higher
28 incidence of pedestrian injuries or fatalities are requested to
29 be prioritized for pedestrian activated signals and lighting
30 improvements; and
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32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the state Department of
33 Transportation is requested to submit a report of its findings
34 and recommendations, including any proposed legislation to the
35 Legislature, no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
36 the Regular Session of 2016; and
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38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
39 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of
40 Transportation, and the respective mayors, council chairs, and



1 chiefs of police of Hawaii County, the City and County of
2 Honolulu, Kauai County, and Maui County.
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